

# THEIR LAST TRIP OVER

## RICHMOND FIRE

Ex-Commissioner of Revenue  
Taylor Arrested.

### HE IS PROMINENTLY CONNECTED

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Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.—Burnley Taylor, formerly commissioner of revenue for King William County, and who served two years in the Virginia Penitentiary for forgery, was arrested today on the charge of being a forger in connection with a case in Boston, where he secured employment upon his release from the penitentiary—Protests His Innocence—The former charges against him recalled—Was living down the past.

Taylor belongs to the well-known Hanover family of that name, and is a son of Mr. John R. Taylor, the venerable clerk of the Hanover County Court. He was brought up in his father's office, and became an expert penman.

Young Taylor married into a prominent family in King William, and moving there became very popular. He had held the office of commissioner of revenue for several years, when, in 1905, the State authorities made an investigation of the excessive charges from that county for the support of lunatics in the county jail.

Such a pointed to Taylor, and his arrest created a profound sensation.

A great number of cases were worked up against him, and the proof was conclusive. There was great sympathy for the young man and his family, and by agreement he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The remaining charges against him were not prosecuted, a fact which caused much criticism in King William County.

Taylor made a model prisoner, and won the friendship of all those connected with the prison. Upon his discharge from the penitentiary, two years ago, Mr. Davis, of the Davis Shoe Company, secured a position for him in Boston with the Taylor & King Road Warehouse, and the charge against him now is that he forged an order on which a large lot of coffee was obtained.

Arrested in His Wife's Presence.

Taylor was in a broad street stop this morning with his wife, buying Christmas gifts, when he was arrested by David Tomlinson, Taylor, who has retained Mr. W. D. Cardwell as his counsel, declares his innocence, and says he will be able to establish it. He realizes that his former trouble is due to a circumstance against him, but says he will go to Boston without a requisition.

The young man remained with the King Warehouse Company until a few months ago, when one of the branches being discontinued, he returned to Hanover, and took charge of an enterprise in which Mr. Davis is interested.

While there he received a letter from Mr. Davis, enclosing a clipping from one of the daily papers, stating that \$2,000 worth of coffee had been obtained on a forged order from the King Warehouse, and giving no name as to who was the suspected party.

Went to Boston Voluntarily.

Mr. Taylor voluntarily turned to Boston and saw Mr. King and Mr. Davis, and nothing was said as to any suspicion resting upon him.

While he was in Boston he heard from Mr. Davis that the warehouse was being investigated, and that he had been employed as to the truth of the matter, but was told that was not the case by both King and Davis.

Taylor then returned to Hanover County, accompanied by his wife and family, and accepted a position near Toccoa, Va., managing a farm for Mr. Davis. He had not heard anything more of the investigation until he was arrested this morning.

GEN. JACKSON'S LAST MESSAGE.

Dispatch from the Famous "Stonewall" to Gen. Lee Preserved.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—Mr. A. E. Morrison, of Leesburg, Va., has left at the Mercantile Trust Company for safe keeping the last dispatch written by Gen. Stonewall Jackson. The dispatch, which was directed to Gen. Lee, and was written at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of May 2, 1863. Gen. Jackson was killed about 7 o'clock the next day.

The dispatch was entrusted to Mr. Morrison for delivery, but never reached its destination, as the bearer was wounded in his efforts to get through the lines, and was unable to proceed or to turn the dispatch over to another courier. Mr. Morrison has since kept the paper as a relic, and prizes highly as being, perhaps, the last action of the famous Confederate general. The dispatch reads as follows:

Near Six Miles West of Chancellorsville, 5 p. m., May 2, 1863. General: The enemy has made a raid at Chancellorsville, I hope, so soon as possible, to attack it. I have no doubt that Providence will bless us with success. Respectfully, Lieutenant General.

To Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The following dispatch is up and next two appear to be well closed.

T. J. J.

Two Colored Men Drowned.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.—George Gibson and Ned Lee Young, colored men, of Stenwell district, this county, were drowned yesterday afternoon about 5 miles in the Rappahannock River, between Patahanock Ferry and Naylor's. The men were engaged in taking up fish stakes when a severe windstorm arose, carrying their boat. The little craft drifted with the body of one of the unfortunate in it.

North Carolina Midland Election.

Special to the Post.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 25.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the North Carolina Midland Railroad was held here today. The old directors were re-elected, and also the following officers: President, Col. A. B. Andrews; vice president, W. F. Findley; general manager, F. S. Andrews; secretary, H. W. Miller. Col. Andrews was present at the meeting.

New Town Projected at Pig Point.

Special to the Post.

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 25.—Deeds filed in the county clerk's office today show the purchase by the Hampton Roads Development Company of 150 acres from Henry King and wife for \$30,000, and eight other half-acre parcels from Levi D. Ames for \$2,000 and \$1,000 each.

Virginia Postal Matters.

Special to the Post.

The Post-office Department has commissioned three new postmasters for Virginia—Abraham C. Womack, of Clifton, and Sarah P. Swan, of Michaels. A new office has been established at Santiago, Edge County, and Gleason E. Brubaker named as postmaster.

Big Fire on Norfolk's Water Front.

Special to the Post.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—A fire on the water front here tonight threatened to destroy much valuable property, including the big cotton warehouse in Atlantic City. The Nottingham & Wrenn Company's line

and lumber and ice warehouse, and other houses, belonging to the Wrenn, burned. Fire tugs confined the flames to the frame warehouse. The loss is from \$3,000 to \$10,000, degree.

### BURNED TO DEATH IN HIS HOME.

#### Two Negroes Suspected of Horrible Crime Threatened with Lynching.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—Near the village of Oakley, N. C., on the Washington branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, Saturday night, was enacted a tragedy that equalled in horror, if not in deed, the one which occurred some months ago in another part of Pitt County, at Turnersville.

Living on the same plantation were Samuel Taylor and George, his son, both in separate houses not far apart, both respected and industrious citizens. Saturday night Sam Taylor and his wife went visiting, and George and his wife went to town to get the mail, in which he expected to find a check for some tobacco he had previously shipped for sale. The letter containing the expected check did not come. George told his brothers that he was feeling so badly that he would go home, and left soon thereafter his brothers started for home.

When about a quarter of a mile from home they met a boy, a son of Grey Corey, who told them that he had better go home, as he had just heard of George calling for help. This did not make much impression on them, but, advancing a little further they beheld smoke over George's house; then they hurried. Arriving at the scene, they found that the house had been entered, probably robbed, and fired, and George's body in the house near the front entrance, burning. The body was dragged out. The lower part of the body was burned so that the flesh came off and had to be picked up and placed in a bucket. The left side was burned so that the flesh came off and the evidence of the crime was plain.

Sunday afternoon Henry Taylor and Sam Taylor, colored, were arrested, and the evidence against them was so plain that it is feared they will be lynched.

### BALTIMORE'S BATTLE RELICS.

#### Mexican War Flags of the Old Baltimore and Washington Battalions.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—Two battle-scarred flags, relics of the Mexican war, were formally presented to the City of Baltimore today by the Maryland Association of Veterans of the Mexican War. President F. Becker, of the association, made the presentation speech.

"We desire to present to the City of Baltimore," he said, "one of the flags of the Baltimore Battalion, attached to the Fourth Infantry during the Mexican war."

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supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp. The loss on the stock is placed at between \$1,000 and \$2,000, insurance, \$12,000. The loss on the building, which is owned by Mrs. Pace, of Alexandria, is estimated at \$2,000. It is partially insured, but for how much has not yet been ascertained. The plant was a new enterprise, and was employing a large force of hands day and night to fill orders in members of the company state that they have not considered the matter of resuming operations.

### GOV. TYLER'S XMAS PARDONS.

#### Executive Clemency to Make Many Convicts Free—An Aged Father's Prayers.

Special to the Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.—Gov. Tyler will tomorrow grant pardons to several convicts in the penitentiary. All except one are from Southwest Virginia. It is possible that one or two more may be added to this list.

One of those who will receive liberty as a Christmas gift is Mrs. Sarah Decker, of Wise County, who killed her husband in 1876. She is serving out a five-year term for this crime. The husband treated her brutally on one occasion giving her a terrible horsewhipping.

Another who is to be shown clemency is Charles E. Cox, of Missouri, a man of excellent family. The prisoner in 1896 killed a man named Roberts in Grayson County. The latter, it was shown, had threatened to kill Cox, who was a stranger in the county. The accused was sent to the penitentiary for eighteen years, four of which he has served.

Another man who is to be liberated tomorrow is Marshall Owens, of Washington County, who in 1871 killed John Dodson. He was given fourteen years in the State prison for the murder, which was committed on a Sunday morning, while Owens was on his way to church. The men had a quarrel growing out of Dodson's refusing to speak to Owens. The latter, who had a knife in his pocket, drew it out in the breast, inflicting a fatal wound.

The governor will also pardon Walter Keen, sent from Buchanan for murder in the second degree, and John Carter, a colored butcher, of Petersburg, who assaulted John Thoman, of Baltimore, and was sent to the State prison for one year, is also to be liberated.

It is possible that the governor will also pardon William Farmer, of Wise County, who is serving an eighteen-year term for the murder of a friend over a game of cards. A man named Bentley is also in the penitentiary for having killed Farmer's sister. After young Farmer had been convicted and his sister slain, his two brothers—one on the Norfolk and Chesapeake and Ohio—were killed. All this grief killed the father. A sister is now lying at the point of death, and old father has come to Richmond and visits the governor daily to plead in behalf of his son.

### THAT CONVICT LABOR INQUIRY.

#### Interesting Rumors About Concerning Delinquent Prisoners' Measure.

Special to the Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.—Considerable interest is being manifested in the proposed investigation of the new contract between the Commonwealth and the Davis Shoe Company, for the hire of convicts. Delegate Picher, who offered the resolution, has never made public his reasons for his action.

The present contract with the company does not expire until May, 1901. It would be in legislative circles that Mr. Picher wants to ascertain the reasons for the renewal of a contract that has more than six years to run. He believes, so it is stated, that by waiting a few years the State might receive more pay for its convicts.

There is a report to the effect that another big concern wants to hire convicts, and is willing to compete with the Davis Company for them.

The contract was renewed by the board of directors of the penitentiary and received the approval of the governor after careful consideration.

Mr. A. C. Hartman, the president of the board of directors, said today he did not know what object Mr. Picher had in view, but the board would assist him in his investigation. It is possible that Mr. Hartman said, to renew the contract with the Davis Shoe Company, for the hire of convicts, in advance of the expiration of the existing agreement.

A RICH MAN'S REMEMBRANCE.

#### Poor Boy Who Found Fortune Gladdens Children's Hearts at His Old Home.

Special to the Post.

Salisbury, Va., Dec. 19.—Years ago there left this little town a poor boy, whose name, at his urgent request, is withheld. He sought fortune in New Orleans, and is now a wealthy citizen, of that place, but has never forgotten his early home.

A few days ago he sent a check for several hundred dollars, with words that money would be forthcoming if needed, to his aged benefactor, Thomas S. Alcocke, of this place, requesting that the money be used in providing a well-laden Christmas tree for the poor children of Sunday-school children. A committee was appointed to the schools, and arrangements have been made to have a monster tree at Thomas Hall December 28.

The children will gather at their respective schools, and each school will have its ribbon streamers, and march to the hall. They will have a feast and receive substantial gifts.

### ASSIGNS AND LEAVES HOME.

#### T. Spicer Curlett, Former Virginia Legislator, Surrenders to His Creditors.

Special to the Post.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 22.—T. Spicer Curlett, of Lancaster county, a former legislator, has filed a deed of assignment for the benefit of his creditors with the clerk of court of Lancaster County. Frank T. Newell and L. T. Rock are the trustees, and the preferred creditors are L. T. Rock and R. M. Sanders, of Lancaster County, and A. M. Tunstall, of Washington.

Mr. Curlett has figured considerably in politics, and was an independent candidate for the legislature last fall, but was defeated. He left for Baltimore, and has informed some of his friends that he is going far away.

Thieves Secure Jewelry Worth \$1,200.

Special to the Post.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—While the family of Mr. T. P. Borden, 112 North Charles street, was in the basement of the house last night thieves forced a scuffle in the roof, and breaking open a chandelier, in Mrs. Borden's bedroom stole jewelry and money aggregating \$1,200 in value. Much of the jewelry consisted of family heirlooms. The thieves departed by the route they had used, without disturbing the downstairs.

Leaves 159 Direct Descendants.

Special to the Post.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Jane E. Beatty, an aged lady of Frederick County, who died several days ago near Tulip, left the largest number of descendants of any one in this section. She was eighty-seven years of age and was the mother of 14 children. Besides these she leaves 8 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

No New Bids for C. & O. Canal.

Special to the Post.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 25.—Gov. Lowndes this evening stated that he had heard nothing of any new bids for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and that if any had been tendered he would know of it. A meeting of the board of public works will be held next week, but the day has not yet been fixed.

Virginia Wedding Bells.

Special to the Post.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 25.—The tobacco factory of the Lowndes John Harman, located on the water front here, was destroyed by fire today. Only a small building, containing some of the manufactured product, was saved. The fire is

## RIOT IN NEWPORT NEWS

Killing of a Negro Marauder by Hebrews the Cause.

### TWO MEN SHOT IN STREET FIGHT

#### Hebrew Merchants, the Victims of Many Burglaries, Catch a Negro Red-handed and Shoot Him Dead—1,000 Negroes, Various Armed, Seek Vengeance and Two More Are Shot—Only Coolness of the Police Prevents Further Bloodshed.

Special to the Post.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 22.—As a sequel to the shooting of a negro early this morning by three Hebrews, in a negro quarter of the city, locally known as Rocketts, there was a race riot later in the day, which resulted in two more negroes being shot. One is seriously wounded.

Everybody in Rocketts to-night is excited, and it is feared that there may be further trouble. The police are keeping a close watch on both Hebrews and negroes, and specials have been sworn in to be on hand in an emergency.

But for the prompt response of the police to-day there would have been more bloodshed, as an angry mob of fully 1,000 negroes made persistent efforts to get hold of the man who had been shot.

Rabbies Precipitate Trouble.

There are a number of Hebrew merchants in the quarter, some of them well to do. There have been a number of burglaries in their stores recently and the Hebrews secured police assistance for their own protection. Every night this week some of the Hebrews have been robbed, and at one place the thefts had been repeated night after night.

Last night three men, armed with guns, sat up in a store to keep watch. About 1 o'clock they espied a negro making his way through a window. When he was fairly inside the Hebrews opened fire.

The colored people learned of the shooting, they gathered in groups on the other side of the street, and the matter seemed as if the entire populace was out now lying at the point of death, and old father has come to Richmond and visits the governor daily to plead in behalf of his son.

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The men were excited and made all manner of threats against the Hebrews. They only needed an excuse to put them in John Harper knew that this was the Hebrews who was responsible for William's death.

Two More Negroes Shot.

Several Hebrews jumped on the negro, and one, Isador Kahn, who was one of the men given police authority, attempted to arrest Harper, who ran. Kahn shot also, but not before Jim Cross was shot. In the meantime a mob of negroes, numbering about 1,000, armed with pistols, clubs, and bricks, surrounded the Hebrews and the policeman who was on the scene, and for a time it looked as if the white men would be killed, but a squad of policemen under Sergt. Reynolds and several city officials, armed and mounted, rode up in time to prevent further trouble. The arrival, however, did not deter the negroes in their efforts to get hold of Kahn, and for a time it looked as if there would be serious trouble. The coolness and nerve of the policeman, however, checked any dangerous move on the part of the mob.

All of the principals have been arrested, and several negroes who tried to incite a riot were also taken.

This afternoon there were several reports that more trouble was brewing, but the late hour there had been no further demonstration.

### NEWPORT NEWS NEGROES QUIET.

#### Police Take Precautions to Prevent Further Rioting.

Special to the Post.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 23.—All is quiet in the Rocketts section to-night. The negroes have made no further demonstrations to-day, and the police are taking no further precautions.

The force in Rocketts has been doubled, and the negroes are compelled to "move out" of the district, and the police are taking drastic measures to prevent a recurrence of last night's trouble.

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the late Mayor W. C. Carrington. He died four years ago, and his body will be brought here for interment in Hollywood.

### FRENZIED BY CHEAP LIQUOR.

#### Mill Workers Terrorize a Virginia Town—One Man Fatally Injured.

Special to the Post.

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 25.—The citizens of Norfolk, a small town with no police protection, was terrorized today by mill employees, frenzied by cheap liquor.

As a matter of safety the bar-rooms were closed at noon, and special officers, deputized from the township, arrested the turbulent crowd and placed them in chains. One woman had to be clubbed into submission.

Luther Luter, aged twenty-five, struck Luther Hollard, twenty-five years old, on the head with a club and crushed his skull. Hollard will probably die. Luter surrendered, but when he learned of Hollard's precarious condition, made good his escape, though several shots were fired after him. A posse is in pursuit.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN VIRGINIA.

John M. Daniel's new residence and storehouse, near Lahore, Orange County, which has been destroyed by fire. No insurance.

Joseph Browning was thrown from his horse near Viewtown, Rappahannock County, yesterday afternoon, and instantly killed. His neck was broken.